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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Demand was fair to good and improved with strongest interest into fast food and first of the month retail feature activity. Supplies overall were in good balance to at times closely cleared. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to active. Breast items were balanced to short, wings were sufficient to close balanced, and leg quarters were in good balance and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range of light to heavy but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 64.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.25 cents last year on May 8, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	185.50
BREASTS - B/S	162.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.50
WINGS	72.00

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged fair to good with best inquiry noted into food service and fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. Availability of trucks remained a concern for both long and short runs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance and well cleared. Other items were about adequate to available for the usually light to moderate demand. In production areas, live supplies were adequate with weights in a full range of light to heavy but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and commanding full premiums. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items remained in a tight balance. The balance of cuts were in close balance.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady, instances fully steady. Offerings varied with heavier weight Wogs and whole fryers in the longest position. Buyer interest was mixed, mostly light to moderate. Movement into retail channels improving and noted as light to fairly good. Food service demand continued normal to very good, best into restaurants and fast food for promotions and Mothers Day. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Trading on parts was average for the adequate to short supplies. Offerings of breast items limited, wings mixed but generally sufficient and dark meat items available. The market tone was irregular on wings, firm on other breast items and steady to fully steady on leg quarters.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current trade needs with weights over 3 pounds in the longest position. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate overall. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 05/03/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,624	209,812	-01
CHICKS PLACED	171,495	172,635	-01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 3, 2003 were 3.00 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Jun-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.66 CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 06

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAY 07

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	921	131.00-230.00	139-142	140.94
TENDERLOINS	241	135.00-190.00	135-138	143.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.00-89.00	84-87	85.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	26.00-36.00	-	27.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	616	16.00-19.00	17-18	17.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	895	18.00-26.00	19-20	20.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	97	60.00-72.00	-	67.67
WINGS (CUT)	533	75.00-85.00	78-81	80.84
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 MAY 06, 2003 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	913	139.00-229.00	140-144	143.43
TENDERLOINS	233	135.00-190.00	135-139	144.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	117	84.00-89.00	86-89	87.91
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	24.00-37.00	25-26	26.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	681	16.00-21.00	18-19	18.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,155	18.00-23.00	20-21	20.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	60.00-72.00	-	70.52
WINGS (CUT)	565	75.00-85.00	78-83	79.95
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	55.00-63.00	-	57.67

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 MAY 07, 2003 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.75 - 47.50	45.56	45.00 - 49.00	47.48	46.51

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity continued fair to fairly good during midweek trading as dealers assumed product for the approaching holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were tight to no more than adequate. Legs and leg quarters had moved into a close balance. Wings were clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady to instances firm on legs and leg quarters and steady to fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	153.51	547,590
TENDERLOINS	130-135	136.29	194,990
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	87.16	187,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	84.71	89,520
LEGS	32-33	30.99	270,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.18	708,662
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.20	225,430
THIGHS	22-23	34.44	94,170
B/S THIGHS	62-63	66.03	106,270
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	67.22	197,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	24,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.44	20,815
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.15	34,650

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	154.79	416,000
TENDERLOINS	135-140	140.23	104,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	88.40	169,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	88.29	113,560
LEGS	32-33	30.68	232,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.07	483,849
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	31.78	83,000
THIGHS	22-23	34.61	56,360
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.15	38,540
WINGS (WHOLE)	60-61	67.99	160,780
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.84	42,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.95	14,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.54	12,680

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/07	05/06	05/05	05/02	05/05
ALA	3,928	4,051	4,045	4,221	5.26
ARK	4,989	5,001	4,692	5,160	5.18
DELMARVA	2,353	2,261	2,176	2,216	5.16
KY-LA-TN	1,941	1,925	1,894	2,068	4.85
MISS	2,915	2,980	2,988	2,513	5.34
NC	2,462	2,599	2,525	2,659	6.29
TEXAS	2,465	2,453	2,455	2,596	5.04
TOTAL	21,053	21,270	20,775	21,305	5.30
MON-WED	63,658(A)				5.06
					21,001
					5.33

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-May 03 and is estimated to be 31,498,000 down 0.05 percent from a week ago and up 0.2 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 31,514,000; last year 31,442,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-65
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-104
	ICE PACK 96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-MAY-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/10/03 (1)	05/03/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	158,275(2)	161,198
LT HENS	1,729	2,011
HVY HENS	1,412	1,251
TOTAL	161,416	164,460

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-May-03 is 159.2 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.6 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 17-May-03 the estimated available is 158.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/05/03	190,183	63,630
AM 04/01/03	189,905	61,778
CHG	278	1,852
PCT CHG	0	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	5/05/03	4/28/03	5/06/02	5/05/03	4/28/03	5/06/02
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	11,192	12,349	20,502	8,239	8,661	3,834
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	108	107	98	3,511	3,575	2,147

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 05, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 5/06/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.55	.97
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.70	.44
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.70	1.14
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	2.15	1.29
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.75	1.38
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-

TOTAL COOPS 122

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 2, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	60.12	133.61	71.26	13.36
High	61.46	142.52	80.16	22.27
Mostly	60.57	142.52	80.16	17.81

**SAN JUAN**

Low	60.12	129.15	84.62	22.27	13.36	57.01
High	64.58	138.06	97.98	26.72	17.81	57.01
Mostly	61.01	133.61	93.53	22.27	13.36	57.01

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	60.12	133.61	71.26	13.36	13.36	61.46
High	62.35	142.52	80.16	22.27	17.81	61.46
Mostly	61.46	133.61	75.71	17.81	13.36	61.46

**BECERRA**

Low	61.91	133.61	89.07	24.49	15.59	57.90
High	65.02	146.97	93.53	28.95	22.27	57.90
Mostly	62.35	142.52	93.53	26.72	17.81	57.90

**DELMARVA** Movement or ready-to-cook whole birds remained moderate to good. Seller offerings were generally well balanced to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast cuts were generally no more than adequate. Leg quarters were clearing to an active buying interest. Wings were adequate at some points, short at others, and were usually in the closer balance on whole.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50-66
NO. OF BOXES	55.27
	8,240

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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